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Testimony of Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Melody A. Currey

Transportation Committee Public Hearing

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S.B. No. 702 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH THE MILITARY SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT.

The Department of Motor Vehicles appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on Senate Bill 702. This bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to modify all of its license applications and renewal notices resulting in significant costs. The DMV has serious concerns regarding this bill and opposes it for the following reasons:

- The bill would mandate DMV to overhaul its business processes for the issuance and renewal of drivers' licenses and non-driver identification cards for individuals who are required to register with the Selective Service System (SSS).
- This overhaul would include developing a new business policy, training employees, modifying the license system screen, revising current forms and creating a specific computer program to extract and send data to SSS as proposed.
- The bill would permit DMV to accept money from SSS to pay for costs related to implementing the bill, but it is unclear if, or when, DMV would receive any funding necessary to comply with this requirement.
- In addition, this bill would require DMV to work with the Automobile Association of America (AAA), which also conducts driver's license renewals, to have it change its procedures as well.
- This bill would require DMV to use the application and renewal processes for drivers' licenses and non-driver ID cards as ways to collect personal information, and then transmit it to the Selective Service System (SSS).
- DMV already assists SSS to identify Connecticut residents who are required to register under federal law. DMV electronically sends information of driver's license and non-driver identification card holders twice per year to SSS.
- Under the current system of transmittal of information, DMV sends SSS the name, mailing address and date of birth of every male between the age of 18 and 26 who hold a driver's license or non-driver identification card in Connecticut.
- The bill is also unclear about DMV's responsibilities. For example, is DMV responsible for signing people up for the SSS? Or is DMV simply sending people's personal

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information to SSS when they come in to apply or renew a license? As stated earlier, DMV currently sends personal information of certain people to SSS.

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you the Department's concerns.